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Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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